GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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INCREASE IN PRICES OF OIL AND DEALERS COMMISSION
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of petrol and diesel had been increased by the Government on different dates during the last eight years;

(b) if so, whether the dealers` commission has also been increased by the oil corporations with each price hike on different dates as per the prescribed formula;

(c) if so, whether the oil corporations are entitled to amend this escalation formula without Government`s approval;

(d) if so, whether the said formula has been amended by the Government or not;

(e) if so, whether the oil corporations are required to obtain approval of the Government for increasing commission as per formula;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) : The changes in the ex-storage point price of petrol and diesel during the last eight years are given in Annexure-I.

(b) : The changes in dealers` commission on petrol and diesel during last eight years are given in Annexure-II.

(c)&(d) : The oil corporations are not entitled to amend the escalation formula without approval of Government.

(e) to (g) : Since pricing of controlled products continues to be administered by the Government, it has been clarified that escalation in dealers` commission would continue to be approved by the Government until Oil Coordination Committee/oil companies are authorised in this regard.